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SUBJECT: REPORTED SHIFT IN PERUVIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES

REF: LA PAZ 5351

1. WE REFER YOU TO LIMA CABLES 4920 OF JUNE 18, AND 6044 OF JULY 29 FOR BACKGROUND ON RECENT SHIFTS IN POLITICAL POWER AND ECONOMIC POLICY. WE ARE REPEATING FYI LIMA 5303 RELATING TO ECONOMIC POLICY.

2. WHILE THE BASIC THESIS ON SHIFTING POWER WITH SOME INTERNAL MODIFICATIONS (GREATER GOP CONCERN WITH COMMUNIST INFLUENCE, FOR EXAMPLE) IS SOUND, A RELATIVELY HEALTHY VELASCO STILL DETERMINES THE REVOLUTIONARY PATH. VELASCO AND HIS REVOLUTIONARY TEAM DO SEEM GENUINELY CONCERNED WITH INFILTRATION FROM THE EXTREME LEFT AND SEVERAL RECENT DECREE LAWS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE LEFT. HOWEVER, THIS CONCERN NEED NOT REDUCE GOP PROPENSITY TOWARD SOCIAL EXPERIMENTATION; AND IT MAY NOT SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKEN THE MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE REVOLUTION ON A POLITICAL LEVEL, WHILE ITS TRADE UNION ARM CHALLENGES GOP ECONOMIC POLICIES.

3. GOP LEADERSHIP REMAINS DIVIDED INTO RADICAL AND MORE MODERATE GROUPS. WHICH OF THESE WILL PREVAIL HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. METHOD BY WHICH MARCONA EXPROPRIATED SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT
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RADICAL GROUP REMAINS VERY INFLUENTIAL. IN CONSIDERING VIEWS OF

RICHTER (REFTEL) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE IS IDENTIFIED WITH
MORE MODERATE GROUP.
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